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VOCATIONALISATION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education under the National Policy on Education - 1986 has brought any results;
- (b) if so, the target fixed for diverting students to vocational streams and the extent to which that has been achieved during the year 2000;
- (c) the reasons for the scheme not taking off the ground;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to start exclusive Centres for imparting Vocational Education at post-higher secondary level; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) Programme of Action (POA), 1992 envisaged the diversion of 25% of students at plus two level to vocational streams by the year 2000. However, no year-wise targets had been fixed. The implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education has resulted in creating a potential capacity for diverting about 10% of students enrolled at plus two level. The diversion during the year 2000-2001 is estimated to be around 4.8%.

(c) The main reasons why the scheme has taken some time to take off the ground are:-

- (i) Uncertainty regarding the future of the scheme;
- (ii) Absence of district-wise need-based analysis of courses, required;
- (iii) Reluctance of students as well as parents to move to the vocational stream;
- (iv) Non-availability of well-trained teachers and standard textbooks; and
- (v) Problems with regard to admission to higher level education.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.